President Pro Tem Jesse Brand called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Patrick Galligar from St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Pro Tem Jesse Brand.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, James Lienhoop, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson and Priscilla Scalf were present.

There was discussion prior to the meeting between city attorney Alan Whitted and President Pro-Tem Jesse Brand that Jesse be allowed to vote on the agenda items since he was representing the city at-large.

- D. Priscilla Scalf moved to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting of September 6, 2011. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- E. David Hayward, City Engineer, presented comments from recent meetings which discussed downtown parking issues. He stated many of the comments were very similar to those discussed 15 years ago. David also stated that no immediate action would be taken. City Engineer's Office would continue to seek alternatives to improve the parking situation in the city.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2011, AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012." Brenda Sullivan presented this Ordinance with a power point presentation. She stated the Ordinance had been amended at first reading to reflect changes in the Sanitation, Traffic, Shop and Garage and Motor Vehicle Highway Salaries. The Driver 2 positions totaling nine (9) would all be classified as Driver 1 with a slight monetary increase per hour. Discussion followed. George Dutro moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2011, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2012." Brenda Sullivan presented this Ordinance which had been amended at the first reading to reflect a six percent (6%) raise for the elected officials. Council member Priscilla Scalf stated she felt no raises should be approved due to some city

employees still being underpaid. George Dutro made a motion to amend the Amended Salary Ordinance of Elected Officials to a three percent (3%) raise. Martha Myers seconded the motion to amend. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor, one (1) against (Priscilla Scalf), and one (1) abstaining (Jim Lienhoop). Much discussion followed from the Council members and from the audience. Most candidates running for city office spoke regarding the amended Salary Ordinance. George Dutro moved for passage of the Amended Salary Ordinance of Elected Officials. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The Amended Salary Ordinance of Elected Officials passed by a vote of five (5) in favor, one (1) against (Priscilla Scalf), and one (1) abstaining (Jim Lienhoop).

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO._______, 2011, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7." (Nagakura Engineering Works Co., Inc.) Jim Clouse stated officials from Nagakura Engineering Works Co. were unable to attend the meeting and requested a postponement. It was determined this matter be continued to the October 18, 2011 council meeting. Martha Myers moved to approve this continuance. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._______, 2011, AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2012." City Clerk Treasurer Brenda Sullivan along with Oakel Hardy, Budget Director for Mayor Armstrong presented this Ordinance. Clerk Treasurer presented a power point presentation recapping the city's budget process and briefly explained the highlights of this budget. It was stressed that the numbers on this budget would be slightly reduced in light of the action of Council earlier with the amendment to the Salary Ordinance for Elected Officials. President Pro Tem Jesse Brand opened the public hearing on the 2012 City Budget. Discussion followed. President Pro Tem Jesse Brand closed the public hearing. Jim Lienhoop moved to place this Ordinance in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Ann DeVore stated the Columbus Area Arts Council is hosting an Iron Pour and BBQ dinner this weekend. She invited everyone to attend.

- B. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 4, 2011** at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in City Hall.
- C. Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 P.M.

	Presiding Officer	
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